

Regulatory Boards

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Historical Summary

OPERATING BUDGET	FY 2007 Total App	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Approp	FY 2009 Request	FY 2009 Gov Rec
BY PROGRAM					
Board of Accountancy	461,100	424,200	426,100	492,300	500,700
Board of Engineers & Surveyors	557,700	509,900	540,000	617,200	568,800
Board of Professional Geologists	69,800	43,600	54,800	63,200	0
Bureau of Occupational Licenses	2,538,300	2,452,800	2,849,000	3,006,500	3,146,800
Certified Shorthand Reporters Bd	29,200	18,700	29,200	32,500	0
Outfitters & Guides Licensing Bd	495,500	457,900	568,300	549,900	559,100
Real Estate Commission	1,387,400	1,235,700	1,404,200	1,512,500	1,497,700
Total:	5,539,000	5,142,800	5,871,600	6,274,100	6,273,100
BY FUND CATEGORY					
Dedicated	5,539,000	5,142,800	5,871,600	6,274,100	6,273,100
Percent Change:		(7.2%)	14.2%	6.9%	6.8%
BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE					
Personnel Costs	2,977,600	2,750,000	3,359,900	3,571,300	3,654,900
Operating Expenditures	2,466,400	2,287,100	2,432,600	2,644,200	2,559,600
Capital Outlay	42,500	50,000	26,600	6,100	6,100
Trustee/Benefit	52,500	55,700	52,500	52,500	52,500
Total:	5,539,000	5,142,800	5,871,600	6,274,100	6,273,100
Full-Time Positions (FTP)	58.95	58.95	61.95	62.00	62.00

Division Description

The Division of Regulatory Boards includes seven boards and commissions that regulate various professions in Idaho. (The Athletic Commission was placed under the Bureau of Occupational Licenses in FY 2007). Brief descriptions of each are as follows:

The Board of Accountancy ensures that standards are maintained for certified public accountants and licensed public accountants in Idaho.

The Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors develops and maintains high qualification standards for professional engineers and land surveyors.

The Board of Professional Geologists ensures that geological work in Idaho is conducted by qualified geologists acting in an appropriate and professional manner.

The Bureau of Occupational Licenses was established to provide, under contract, those administrative, investigative, and fiscal services necessary to enable various licensing boards to carry out their mandated responsibilities.

The Certified Shorthand Reporters Board regulates and promotes shorthand reporting services in Idaho.

The Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board regulates outfitter and guide services in Idaho.

The Real Estate Commission licenses real estate brokers and agents and enforces compliance with Idaho real estate license law. The Commission develops and administers an education program to meet statutory prelicense and continuing education requirements.

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Agency Profile

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FREE FUND BALANCE	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008*	FY 2009*
Board of Accountancy	\$517,400	\$486,400	\$457,300	\$368,100
Certified Shorthand Reporters Board	\$23,700	\$27,400	\$19,200	\$7,500
Prof. Engineers & Land Surveyors	\$583,300	\$599,800	\$495,200	\$417,000
Board of Professional Geologists	\$50,400	\$48,900	\$37,000	\$17,900
Outfitters & Guides Licensing Board	\$223,100	\$269,500	\$216,200	\$196,100
Real Estate Commission	\$3,048,000	\$3,575,300	\$3,586,400	\$3,581,400
Bureau of Occupational Licenses	\$2,037,200	\$2,274,800	\$2,138,000	\$1,965,600
Boards and Programs Administered by the Bureau of Occupational Licenses:				
<i>FY 2008 and FY2009 projections based on 3% growth, projection format does not account for negative balances. A negative balance will project an even greater negative balance.</i>				
<i>Board of Acupuncture</i>	\$71,562	\$92,026	\$112,675	\$133,504
<i>Board of Architectural Examiners</i>	\$173,202	\$168,218	\$159,456	\$149,457
<i>Athlete Agent Registration</i>	(\$12,000)	\$11,386	\$11,808	\$12,234
<i>Athletic Commission</i>	\$24,600	\$37,407	\$49,850	\$61,927
<i>Board of Barber Examiners</i>	\$105,845	\$98,339	\$86,281	\$73,625
<i>Board of Chiropractic Physicians</i>	\$94,428	\$98,140	\$101,235	\$103,680
<i>Contractors Board</i>	\$238,346	\$337,352	\$415,968	\$492,322
<i>Board of Cosmetology</i>	\$764,978	\$900,749	\$954,119	\$1,004,302
<i>Bd. of Professional Counselors/Therapists</i>	\$13,945	(\$25,782)	(\$68,437)	(\$113,603)
<i>Board of Professional Geologists***</i>	N/A	N/A	\$49,000	\$49,000
<i>Board of Dentistry</i>	(\$12,222)	(\$16,779)	(\$21,598)	(\$26,689)
<i>Board of Landscape Architects</i>	(\$1,108)	(\$26)	\$728	\$1,138
<i>Liquefied Petroleum Gas Safety Board</i>	(\$5,009)	(\$48,301)	(\$102,849)	(\$159,212)
<i>Board of Morticians</i>	\$74,667	\$73,974	\$65,231	\$55,756
<i>Bd. of Naturopathic Medical Examiners</i>	\$25,884	\$17,021	(\$2,441)	(\$22,560)
<i>Bd. of Examiners of Nursing Home Admin.</i>	\$40,002	\$45,659	\$50,145	\$54,396
<i>Board of Optometry</i>	\$5,232	\$41,538	\$31,590	\$20,867
<i>Board of Physical Therapy Licensure**</i>	N/A	\$72,603	\$131,185	\$190,624
<i>Board of Podiatry</i>	\$4,672	(\$53,899)	(\$119,599)	(\$187,466)
<i>Board of Psychologist Examiners</i>	(\$48,254)	(\$61,593)	(\$85,223)	(\$110,294)
<i>Real Estate Appraiser Board</i>	\$150,900	\$123,241	\$90,502	\$53,933
<i>Bd. of Exam. of Res. Care Facility Admin.</i>	\$1,100	\$1,145	\$788	(\$9)
<i>Certified Shorthand Reporters Bd.***</i>	N/A	N/A	\$28,000	\$28,000
<i>Speech and Hearing Services Lic. Bd.</i>	(\$15,700)	(\$39,985)	(\$83,148)	(\$127,813)
<i>Board of Social Work Examiners</i>	\$71,800	\$56,860	\$32,123	\$5,034
<i>Bd. of Drinking Water & Wastewater Prof.</i>	\$300,000	\$368,316	\$397,717	\$426,392
<i>*Figures for FY 2008 and 2009 based on revenue projections and original FY 2009 budget request.</i>				
<i>**Began contracting with IBOL in FY 2007.</i>				
<i>***Began Contracting with IBOL in FY 2008.</i>				

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Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
FY 2008 Original Appropriation	61.95	0	5,871,600	61.95	0	5,871,600
1. Imaging Project-Engineers	0.00	0	46,000	0.00	0	40,000
2. Cost of Disciplinary Action-Engineers	0.00	0	25,000	0.00	0	22,600
FY 2008 Total Appropriation	61.95	0	5,942,600	61.95	0	5,934,200
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	0	(119,700)	0.00	0	(117,300)
FY 2009 Base	61.95	0	5,822,900	61.95	0	5,816,900
Benefit Costs	0.00	0	143,600	0.00	0	143,600
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	0	70,500	0.00	0	41,400
Replacement Items	0.00	0	6,100	0.00	0	6,100
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	0	47,300	0.00	0	47,300
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	0	26,400	0.00	0	131,500
FY 2009 Program Maintenance	61.95	0	6,116,800	61.95	0	6,186,800
1. Contingency Approp-Accountancy	0.00	0	50,000	0.00	0	50,000
2. Board Member Honorarium-Engineers	0.00	0	7,500	0.00	0	0
3. Examinations Costs-Engineers	0.00	0	5,600	0.00	0	0
4. Customer Survey-Engineers	0.00	0	25,000	0.00	0	0
5. Additional CEC-Occupational Licenses	0.00	0	30,000	0.00	0	30,000
6. FTP Adjustment-Geologists	0.05	0	3,900	0.05	0	0
7. Office Move-Geol/Shrthd Reporters	0.00	0	1,000	0.00	0	0
8. On-line Database-Real Estate	0.00	0	6,300	0.00	0	6,300
9. Document Scanning/Storage-Real Estate	0.00	0	28,000	0.00	0	0
10. Add Board of Prof. Geologists-IBOL	0.00	0	0	0.67	0	59,000
11. Add Cert. Shorthand Reporters-IBOL	0.00	0	0	0.33	0	31,800
12. Move Cert. Reporter to IBOL-Reporter	0.00	0	0	(0.33)	0	(31,800)
13. Move Geologists to IBOL-Geologists	0.00	0	0	(0.67)	0	(59,000)
FY 2009 Total	62.00	0	6,274,100	62.00	0	6,273,100
Change from Original Appropriation	0.05	0	402,500	0.05	0	401,500
% Change from Original Appropriation			6.9%			6.8%

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
FY 2008 Original Appropriation	61.95	0	5,871,600	0	5,871,600

1. Imaging Project-Engineers

The Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors requests spending authority to complete an imaging system replacing current paper-intensive methods of record retention, renewals, and database maintenance. Originally, this project was appropriated for FY07 and the Deputy Director was to oversee its completion. However, the Deputy Director position was vacant for a longer than expected period of time and, consequently, the funds were reverted. Therefore, the agency requests \$40,000 one-time funding and \$6,000 ongoing funding to complete this project. Contracts have been signed by the agency and vendor, and they are awaiting Legislative approval.

Agency Request	0.00	0	46,000	0	46,000
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The Governor is recommending a transfer of \$6,000 from personnel costs to operating expenditures to provide sufficient funding to meet the agency's request.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	40,000	0	40,000
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2. Cost of Disciplinary Action-Engineers

The Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors request \$25,000 one-time supplemental appropriation to resolve unanticipated costs of a disciplinary matter. This supplemental request will fund travel for five board members, two attorneys, and one staff person for travel to northern Idaho and the costs of meeting rooms and a court reporter will be met.

Agency Request	0.00	0	25,000	0	25,000
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The Governor is recommending a transfer of \$2,400 from personnel costs to operating expenditures to provide sufficient funding to meet the agency's request.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	22,600	0	22,600
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FY 2008 Total Appropriation					
Agency Request	61.95	0	5,942,600	0	5,942,600
Governor's Recommendation	61.95	0	5,934,200	0	5,934,200

Removal of One-Time Expenditures

Remove funding provided for one-time items.

Agency Request	0.00	0	(119,700)	0	(119,700)
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Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	(117,300)	0	(117,300)
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FY 2009 Base					
Agency Request	61.95	0	5,822,900	0	5,822,900
Governor's Recommendation	61.95	0	5,816,900	0	5,816,900

Benefit Costs

Reflects \$2,075 per position or a 29% increase in employer-paid health insurance premiums from \$7,125 to \$9,200 per year. This increase is artificially inflated since the rates have been frozen for the last two years, with increases being covered from reserves.

Agency Request	0.00	0	143,600	0	143,600
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The Governor recommends funding the employer increase in health insurance, and does not remove the funding for their PERSI rate increase that was included in the request. Recently, the PERSI Board voted not to increase the contribution rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	143,600	0	143,600
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Inflationary Adjustments

This inflationary adjustment is arrived at by subtracting one-time funding and statewide allocation plan costs from the base and calculating a customized increase for all remaining operating costs.

Agency Request	0.00	0	70,500	0	70,500
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Inflationary increases are provided only for contractual obligations such as leased space costs and existing information technology support provided by the Department of Administration. Other inflationary requests are not recommended.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	41,400	0	41,400
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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Replacement Items					
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS:					
Replacement items include a copier for \$3,000, one laptop computer \$1,500 and a monochrome laser printer \$300.					
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION:					
Replacement items include miscellaneous computer accessories including routers, switches and UPS devices for a total cost of \$1,300.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	6,100	0	6,100
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	6,100	0	6,100
Statewide Cost Allocation					
This decision unit includes adjustments for services provided by state agencies as follows: Attorney General fees of \$36,200; risk management cost increases of \$1,600; Controller's fees of \$10,500; State Treasurer fees a \$1,000 reduction.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	47,300	0	47,300
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	47,300	0	47,300
Change in Employee Compensation					
Agencies were instructed to input a CEC based on a 1% calculator.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	26,400	0	26,400
<i>The Governor recommends a compensation increase of 5% to be distributed based on merit.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	131,500	0	131,500
FY 2009 Program Maintenance					
Agency Request	61.95	0	6,116,800	0	6,116,800
Governor's Recommendation	61.95	0	6,186,800	0	6,186,800
1. Contingency Approp-Accountancy					
This request of \$50,000 ongoing funding is to restore the previous appropriation level. The Board's FY08 OE appropriation was decreased by \$50,000 from the FY07 level. There was an unusually high reversion of operating funds for FY06 and FY05 which was due to an unusually low number of complaints before the Board in those years. Consequently, the Board's contingency appropriation was cut. To date, the Board has received approximately 50% more complaints this year than that of last year. These funds are used to help settle court cases and hearings. In seven of the past eleven years, the reversion in operating expenditures was less than \$50,000.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	50,000	0	50,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	50,000	0	50,000
2. Board Member Honorarium-Engineers					
The Board requests an additional \$7,500 to fund an increase in the daily honorarium paid to Board members. Currently, Board members receive \$50 per day. This request reflects an increase to \$75 per day as a result of HB 28 that was passed during the 2007 Legislative session [ongoing].					
Agency Request	0.00	0	7,500	0	7,500
<i>Not recommended by the Governor.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
3. Examinations Costs-Engineers					
The Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors requests \$5,600 ongoing, dedicated funding for increased costs of examinations for Engineering and Surveying students. One of the Board's primary functions is to administer examinations for the initial licensing of engineers and surveyors, and certification of engineers-in-training and surveyors-in-training. The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying produce the examination annually and costs to purchase the exams have risen.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	5,600	0	5,600
<i>The Governor recommends transferring ongoing personnel costs to cover the operating expenditures.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0

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4. Customer Survey-Engineers					
The Board requests \$25,000 one-time, dedicated funding to conduct and evaluate a Customer Satisfaction Survey. The Board will conduct the survey throughout FY 2009 and complete work by the end of next fiscal year. The Board's stakeholders will help shape how the board will offer services, including interactions with the public and those persons to whom the Board licenses and certifies.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	25,000	0	25,000
<i>Not recommended by the Governor.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
5. Additional CEC-Occupational Licenses					
The Bureau of Occupational Licenses requests \$30,000 ongoing, dedicated funding for additional personnel funding above CEC. The Bureau states these funds will be used to bring staff member salaries closer to market level, increase performance, and address retention issues.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	30,000	0	30,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	30,000	0	30,000
6. FTP Adjustment-Geologists					
The Board of Professional Geologists requests 0.05 FTP and \$3,900 ongoing, dedicated funding to make the FTP serving the Board of Geologists equal to one full time position.					
Agency Request	0.05	0	3,900	0	3,900
<i>The Governor recommends no additional funding necessary to cover this increase in FTP, rather an ongoing shift from operating expenditures to personnel costs.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.05	0	0	0	0
7. Office Move-Geol/Shrthd Reporters					
The Board of Professional Geologists request \$500 one-time, dedicated funds to move out of their existing building as the lease expires at the end of FY09. The Certified Shorthand Reporters Board request \$500 one-time, dedicated funds to move out of their existing building as the lease expires at the end of FY09.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	1,000	0	1,000
<i>Not recommended by the Governor.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
8. On-line Database-Real Estate					
The Idaho Real Estate Commission requests \$6,300 one-time, dedicated funding to improve its on-line services. The Commission states it will create a searchable public database for real estate education providers, instructors and approved courses. In addition to educational services, the database will provide public access and data download capabilities to timeshare and subdivided land registrations. The Commission states this enhancement would provide better customer service to the general public and licensees, while significantly decreasing demands on staff and operating resources.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	6,300	0	6,300
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	6,300	0	6,300
9. Document Scanning/Storage-Real Estate					
The Idaho Real Estate Commission requests \$28,800 in one-time, dedicated funding to convert its existing files to electronic format. The Commission has implemented an electronic document management system, and new files are now maintained electronically. The Commission has obtained a price of \$28,000 for back file conversion from its EDMS vendor. Funding of this request would free up tight office and storage space, enable more efficient use of staff time, and provide an off-site back-up for irreplaceable Commission documents.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	28,000	0	28,000
<i>Not recommended by the Governor.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
10. Add Board of Prof. Geologists-IBOL					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
<i>The Governor recommends adding the Board of Professional Geologists to be housed under the Bureau of Occupational Licenses.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.67	0	59,000	0	59,000

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11. Add Cert. Shorthand Reporters-IBOL					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
<i>The Governor recommends adding the Certified Shorthand Reporters Board to be housed under the Bureau of Occupational Licenses.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.33	0	31,800	0	31,800
12. Move Cert. Reporter to IBOL-Reporter					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
<i>The Governor recommends moving the Certified Shorthand Reporters Board to be housed under the Bureau of Occupational Licenses.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	(0.33)	0	(31,800)	0	(31,800)
13. Move Geologists to IBOL-Geologists					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
<i>The Governor recommends moving the Board of Professional Geologists to be housed under the Board of Occupational Licenses.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	(0.67)	0	(59,000)	0	(59,000)
FY 2009 Total					
Agency Request	62.00	0	6,274,100	0	6,274,100
Governor's Recommendation	62.00	0	6,273,100	0	6,273,100
Agency Request					
Change from Original App	0.05	0	402,500	0	402,500
% Change from Original App	0.1%		6.9%		6.9%
Governor's Recommendation					
Change from Original App	0.05	0	401,500	0	401,500
% Change from Original App	0.1%		6.8%		6.8%